

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2016 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

1) Adoption of the Agenda

2) Approval of Minutes: 9/26/16 as amended
 10/10/16
 10/24/16

3) Public Comments and Concerns

Presentation by Slate Quarry Park Group, Inc., re: Macomber lot, Main Street, Poultney

4) Road Report

5) Town Manager's Report

- Letters & Communications

- FY 2017 Budget

- Library Update

6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:

7) Board Orders

8) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Coloutti, Terry Williams, and Frank Fressie. Others present included: Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Jonas Rosenthal, Ron Kelley, Road Foreman, Larry Jensen, Marcia Angermann, Paul Hancock, Steve Taran, Kerry O Furlani, Richard Rupe, Ruth Ann Fischer, Shawn Camara, Bianca Zanella, and Neal Vreeland.

Adoption of the Agenda: Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Coloutti made a motion to adopt the agenda. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/26/16 as amended, October 10, 2016, and October 24, 2016. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) The Town's roller has been working well, packing down the roads well.
- 2) Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, and William Peck on Ferncliff Road have opted for the decorative waste blocks and have agreed to pay the price difference of approximately \$960.00. Ron Kelley estimates the project will cost the Town about \$10,750.00.
- 3) The road crew has been at the library cleaning up the stumps, which came out much easier than was expected, they put down landscape fabric and crushed slate along the sides of the building, and stone where the new sidewalk will go in the spring. With the permission of Bob Williams and Stewarts the crew graded the right of way between the library and Stewarts'.

Public Comments and Concerns:

- 1) Members of the Slate Quarry Park Group ("SQPG") gave a presentation to the Board regarding their vision for a park at 76 Main Street, Poultney, VT. The SQPG distributed a handout to the Board explaining the What/Where/Why/Who/How and When of the Public Park concept. The SQPG requests some input from the Selectboard regarding the same with the eventual plan that the Town of Poultney would become the owner of the park. The SQPG has decided to withdraw its application for the grant which had previously been considered which would have required the park to be a municipal project. SQPG is exploring other funding options. Discussions followed regarding various aspects and of the park, including the aesthetics, lighting, whether there should be water, the archway at the entrance, a stone wall. The Town Manager advised the SQPG that the project would have to go before the Poultney Development Review Board (the "DRB"), and he advised the group to get its plans together to present it to the DRB, and cautioned not to try to start the project before the DRB had approved it. Several discussions followed regarding various aspects of the park. Neal Vreeland commented that he was attending the meeting as a citizen and not as Town Attorney, and

commended the SQPG for its continued efforts to bring a park to the center of town. Likewise Frank Fressie made the same comments as Mr. Vreeland.

2) Bianca Zanella gave a brief introduction and discussed the upcoming Poultney 20/20 and invited members of the Board to participate.

3) Kerry O Furlani presented some estimates to the Board from Durrum Electric to install 9W LED lights at the base of the sculptures that have been installed at the Town Hall and the Catholic Church, as well as the Veteran's Memorial. She is requesting permission to install the lights. Discussion followed. The Board has decided to table this issue and take it under advisement.

4) The Town Manager distributed to the Board copies of Title 24, Chapter 55; Police, that was provided by Dale Kerber, Constable. He is requesting the Board consider forming a Police Department in Town so he would be able to have access to more public records than are currently afforded to the Constabulary. There was brief discussion as Dale Kerber has advised he would like to present the request more formally to the Board at a later date.

Town Manager's Report: The following was reported:

- 1) The title to the Dodge Charger has been located, so it can now be advertised for sale.
- 2) The library project is nearing completion. The slate tiling still has to be completed and the Town Manager has been trying to get Ryan Merrill to put it on his schedule for completion. We are still waiting for a quote to install the back entrance to the library from Myron White.
- 3) Various reports are coming in from different agencies to be included in the Town Report.

Transact Any And All Other Lawful Business:

Tom Coloutti made a motion at 7:45Pm to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Terry Williams made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:12PM. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tom Coloutti made a motion to allow Town Manager to discuss legal matters with Town Attorney, Neal Vreeland. Terry Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Terry Williams made a motion to approve the Board Orders. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

s/ Paul A. Donaldson